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Mr. Bill Asham
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Dear Mr. Asham:

**Re: Pineridge Village Mobile Home Park Wastewater Treatment Lagoon –
Environment Act Licence No. 1210**

I am responding to the September 1, 2016 letter submitted by you and the additional information submitted on September 22, 2016 by J. R. Cousin Consultants Ltd., relative to a request for alteration to Environment Act Licence No. 1210 (licence), originally issued for construction, operation and maintenance of the Development being a wastewater treatment lagoon in the Rural Municipality of St. Clements. The letters are considered a Notice of Alteration (NoA) pursuant to Section 14 of the *Environment Act*.

The intent of the NoA is to repair the north and south inner slopes of the primary cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon located on Lots 271 to 280 in the Parish of St. Andrews in order to maintain a minimum of 1 metre thick continuous clay soil liner having a hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-7} centimetres per second or less.

Upon review of the NoA, I am satisfied that the identified changes in the environmental effects as would result from the proposed alterations will be insignificant. Therefore, pursuant to Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act*, I hereby approve the implementation of the proposed alterations as described in the September 1, 2016 letter and the additional information submitted on September 22, 2016 under the following specifications, terms and conditions:

- a) The Licencee shall arrange with the designated Environment Officer a mutually acceptable time and date for any required soil sampling between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of October of any year, unless otherwise approved by the Environment Officer.

- b) The Licencee shall take and test undisturbed soil samples, in accordance with Schedule "A" attached to this approval, from the liner of the wastewater treatment lagoon; the number and location of samples and test methods are to be specified by the designated Environment Officer up to a maximum of 20 samples.
- c) The Licencee shall submit for the approval of the Environment Officer the results of the tests carried out pursuant to Clause b) of this approval within 30 days from the date of soil sampling.

This approval is contingent on your receiving an updated Environment Act Licence to be issued in the near future.

Should you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Asit Dey, Environment Engineer, at (204) 945-2614 or at Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

Encl.: Schedule "A" -Liner sampling and testing requirements

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Schedule "A"

Liner sampling and testing requirements

Soil Sampling:

1. The Licencee shall provide a drilling rig, acceptable to the designated Environment Officer, to extract soil samples from the liner which is not placed or found at the surface of the lagoon structure. This includes all wastewater treatment lagoons constructed with clay cutoffs at the interior base of the dyke or with a clay cutoff in the centre of the dyke. The drill rig shall have the capacity to drill to the maximum depth of the clay cutoff plus an additional 2 metres. The drill rig shall be equipped with both standard and hollow stem augers. The minimum hole diameter shall be 5 inches.
2. For lagoon liners placed or found at the surface of the lagoon structure, the Licencee shall provide a machine, acceptable to the designated Environment Officer, capable of pressing a sampling tube into the liner in a straight line motion along the centre axis line of the sample tube and without sideways movement.
3. Soil samples shall be collected and shipped in accordance with ASTM Standard D 1587 (Standard Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils), D 4220 (Standard Practice for Preserving and Transporting Soil Samples) and D 3550 (Standard Practice for Ring-Lines Barrel Sampling of Soils). Thin-walled tubes shall meet the stated requirements including length, inside clearance ratio and corrosion protection. An adequate venting area shall be provided through the sampling head.
1. At the time of sample collection, the designated Environment Officer shall advise the Licencee as to the soil testing method that must be used on each sample. The oedometer method may be used for a sample where the Environment Officer determines that the soil sample is taken from an undisturbed clay soil which has not been remoulded and which is homogeneous and unweathered. The triaxial test shall be used for all samples taken from disturbed and remoulded soils or from non homogenous and weathered soils.
5. The Licencee shall provide a report on the collection of soil samples to the designated Environment Officer and to the laboratory technician which includes but is not limited to the following: a plot plan indicating all drill holes, onsite visual observations, sample location, depth or elevation of sample, length of advance of the sample tube, length of soil sample contained in the tube after its advancement, the soil test method specified by the Environment Officer for each soil sample and all necessary instructions from the site engineer to the laboratory technician.
6. All drill and sample holes shall be sealed with bentonite pellets after the field drilling and sampling has been completed.

Soil Testing Methods:

1. Triaxial Test Method

- a) The soil samples shall be tested for hydraulic conductivity using ASTM D 5084 (Standard Test Method for Measurement of Hydraulic Conductivity of Saturated Porous Materials Using a Flexible Wall Permeameter).
- b) Soil specimens shall have a minimum diameter of 70 mm (2.75 inches) and a minimum height of 70 mm (2.75 inches). The soil specimens shall be selected from a section of the soil sample which contains the most porous material based on a visual inspection. The hydraulic gradient shall not exceed 30 during sample preparation and testing. Swelling of the soil specimen should be controlled to adjust for the amount of compaction measured during sample collection and extraction from the tube and the depth or elevation of the sample. The effective stress used during saturation or consolidation of the sample shall not exceed 40 kPa (5.7 psi) or the specific stress level, that is expected in the field location were the sample was taken, whichever is greater.
- c) The complete laboratory report, as outlined in ASTM D 5084, shall be supplied for each soil sample collected in the field.

2. Oedometer Test Method

- a) The soil samples shall be tested for hydraulic conductivity using ASTM D 2435 (Standard Test Method for One-Dimensional Consolidation Properties of Soils).
- b) Soil specimens shall have a minimum diameter of 50 mm (2 inches) and a minimum height of 20 mm (0.8 inches). The soil specimens shall be selected from a section of the soil sample which contains the most porous material based on a visual inspection. The soil specimen shall be taken from an undisturbed soil sample. The soil specimen shall be completely saturated.
- c) The complete laboratory report, as outlined in ASTM D 2435, shall be supplied for each soil sample collected in the field.